

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 8
999 18TH STREET - SUITE 300
DENVER, CO 80202-2466
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DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2004-0052

IN THE MATTER OF: PROVIDENT ENERGY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Respondent))) FINAL ORDER))
Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18, of EPA's Con	nsolidated Rules of Practice, the Consent
Agreement resolving this matter is hereby approve	d and incorporated by reference into this Final
Order. The Respondents are hereby ORDERED to	comply with all of the terms of the Consent
Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by l	Respondents of this Consent Agreement and
Final Order.	
_ <u>July 2, 2004</u>	SIGNED
DATE	Alfred C. Smith
	Regional Judicial Officer



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

In the Matter of:)	
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Provident Energy Associates, LLC)	EXPEDITED CONSENT AGREEMENT
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Respondent.)	DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2004-0052

Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, and Respondent, Provident Energy Associates, LLC, by their undersigned representatives, hereby settle the civil cause of action arising out of violations of the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan regulations found during an inspection on September 11, 2003, and agree as follows:

The Clean Water Act (the Act), as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6), authorizes the Administrator of EPA to assess administrative penalties against any person who violates the oil pollution prevention (SPCC) regulations, promulgated at 40 CFR Part 112 under Section 311(j) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(j). This authority has been properly delegated to the undersigned EPA official.

Respondent owns and/or operates a crude oil tank battery, Two Medicine Cut Bank Sand Unit, Tract 29, located at 48° 27.761' N, 112° 22.329' W, Glacier County, Montana 59427.

Respondent admits its facility is subject to the SPCC regulations.

Respondent agrees to correct the items cited on the attached List of SPCC Violations

within thirty (30) days unless an extension for achieving compliance is granted by EPA at its

discretion and send a copy of the revised Plan to the person named below.

Respondent admits that EPA has jurisdiction in this proceeding.

Respondent waives its right to a hearing before any civil tribunal, to contest any issue of

law or fact set forth in this agreement.

This agreement, upon incorporation into a final order, applies to and is binding upon EPA

and upon Respondent and Respondent's heirs, successors and assigns. Any change in ownership

or corporate status of Respondent, including but not limited to any transfer of assets or real or

personal property, shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this agreement.

This Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed to by the parties.

Respondent consents and agrees to the assessment of a civil penalty of \$1,850.00 which,

shall be paid by sending, via certified mail, a cashier's or certified check for that amount, payable

to "Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund" along with a signed copy of this agreement, to:

Donna K. Inman

Technical Enforcement Program (8ENF-UFO)

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Respondent further agrees and consents that if Respondent fails to pay the penalty amount as required by this agreement once incorporated into the final order, or fails to make the corrective measures to obtain compliance as represented, this agreement is null and void, and EPA may pursue any applicable enforcement options.

The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions for this agreement and to bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

The parties agree to submit this Consent Agreement to the Regional Judicial Officer, with a request that it be incorporated into a final consent order.

Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys fees in connection with this matter.

This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final consent order by the Regional Judicial Officer and full satisfaction by the parties, shall be a complete and full civil settlement of the specific violations described in this agreement.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION VIII, Office of Enforcement Compliance and Environmental Justice, Complainant.

By:	SIGNED		6/30/04	
	Elisabeth Evans, Director		Date	
	Technical Enforcement Program			
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rio	vident Energy Associates, LLC, Kespo	muent.		
By:	SIGNED	Name:	Gary L. Little	
	_6/25/04	Title:	Manager	
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	Date			

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **EXPEDITED CONSENT AGREEMENT/FINAL ORDER** in the matter of **PROVIDENT ENERGY ASSOCIATES**, **LLC., DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2004-0052** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on July 2, 2004.

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to David Janik, Enforcement Attorney, U.S. EPA - Region 8, 999 18th Street - Suite 300, CO 80202-2466. True and correct copies of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt on July 2, 2004, to:

Mr. Gary Little Provident Energy Associates, LLC 2526 I East 71st Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136

and

Commander Finance Center (OGR) U.S. Coast Guard 1430 A Kristina Way Chesapeake, VA 23326

SIGNED_

July 2, 2004

Tina Artemis Regional Hearing Clerk

THIS DOCUMENT WAS FILED IN THE REGIONAL HEARING CLERK'S OFFICE ON JULY 2, 2004.